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ATTENTION: MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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For: METHODS, COMPOSITIONS, AND GROWTH AND DIFFERENTIATION FACTORS FOR INSULIN-PRODUCING CELLS

Enclosed are:

- (X) Specification in seventy-six (76) pages.
 - (X) Thirteen (13) sheets of drawing.
 - (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
 - (X) A PTO Form 1449 with twenty-one (21) references, none of which are enclosed. Copies of references have already been submitted under application number 10/447,319, filed May 28, 2003.
 - (X) Return prepaid postcard.
- (X) This application is a continuation of prior application 10/447,319, filed May 28, 2003.
- (X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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